

MINUTES OF THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE

ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

The meeting of the Advisory Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 4:38 pm by Keith Johnson on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 by Zoom Meeting. A roll call was taken.

- I. **Call to Order Those present on the Zoom call were:** Keith Johnson, Lynne Kreisman, Anthony Houston, John Puzzo, Roger Zawacki, Opera House Director Daniel Campbell, and other staff, Betsy Cosgray.
- II. **Absent:** Michael Levitan, Judith Svalander, Paul Rausch.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
J. Puzzo motioned to approve the minutes, R. Zawacki seconded. The Tuesday, August 18, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Committee Chair Report – Keith Johnson

Off Square has instead been hosting Sunday night concerts at the Park in the Square for the months of August and September. Attendance continues to grow ranging from 70 to 100 people at each performance. Many people in the community appreciate the concerts.

B. Member Reports

1. **Roger Zawacki – Theatre 121** still planning a virtual Christmas Show. They are planning three on stage shows beginning in February 2021.
2. **Anthony Houston – Member at Large** They are happy with how the annual Jazz Festival turned out. Great feedback from the band and audience members. D. Campbell asked if they were going to do it again next year and he said yes, just not in that format, hopefully. Long-term goal is to have many jazz performances throughout the Square, working with restaurant and performance spaces.
3. **Lynne Kreisman – Woodstock Fine Arts Association** They are hosting their first online speaker with Katherine Grey, glass artist on Thursday, September 17, 2020.
4. **John Puzzo – Friends of the Opera House** voted to start a sponsorship program as their yearly fundraising. Still waiting to make a decision on the Lighting of the Square event.

C. Managing Director Report - Daniel Campbell gave an update on some of the work being done around the Opera House:

- Installation of video wiring, retooling the sound board area, and camera installation. Work continues to have live streaming available in October. D. Campbell asked the representatives to take the information back to their groups to see if they have content for live streaming.
- The the sound booth remodel in the balcony continues to progress to have a more permanent structure. They are able to do this with only losing 7 seats in the balcony.
- The railing structure has been chosen for the Stage Left Café ramp and will be installed by October. The stage will also be moved to the west wall to assist with better use of space.
- The WOH hosted a concert on the Square on Saturday, September 12, which was well attended despite the rain. There is another concert on September 26, Studebaker John and the Hawks.
- Answering a question from K. Johnson, D. Campbell stated he invites all Stage Left Café users to come in to provide input regarding the stage relocation.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Invitation – K. Johnson stated he would like some guidance on the meeting. Mayor Brian Sager will be at the October meeting to give the board an understanding of their role with the Council. D. Campbell invited everyone to give K. Johnson ideas for new business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

The next meeting: October 20, 2020

Motion to adjourn. J Puzzo motioned and R. Zawacki seconded. A roll-call was taken with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Cosgray